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MEMORANDUM FOR: Acting Director, United States
Arms Control and Disarmament
Agency

SUBJECT : Comments on "Draft Treaty Banning
Nuclear Weapon Tests in All Environ-
ments," 19 February 1963

In answer to your request, forwarded herewith are the Staff comments on the February 19th "Draft Treaty Banning Nuclear Weapon Tests in All Environments:"

(1) Although the treaty purports to ban tests in all environments, there is essentially no reference at all to any tests other than underground. Admittedly, the controversial items involve underground tests, but I believe there should be some procedures to cover other tests as well.

(2) While it is implied that the notified party will not have a veto on inspection, I believe that this should be stated explicitly. Perhaps para. 7 on page 15 could have a simple statement to the effect that, with the exception of the restrictions under Article IX, the notified party cannot veto or in any way interfere with an inspection.

(3) At the present time, the verification annex is not yet available to this Agency, but I assume that some of the details on inspection will be present in this annex. However, I believe that some fundamental items should

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also be included in the basic treaty, probably under Article XIII. For example, I believe the size and characteristics of the area to be inspected are sufficiently important to be spelled out in the basic treaty. Likewise, the number of automatic seismic stations should also be included. If we do not choose to select the dimensions or a number, these could be handled in the draft treaty as blank spaces to be filled in later.

(4) On page 24, Article XII, there is no limitation put on the number of observers from the host country. I believe it would be desirable to limit these to the same number as in the adversary component.

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